

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed October 15, 2007, claims 1 and 4-6 are pending. Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. All the pending claims at issue are believed to be patentable over the cited references upon submission supplemental Declaration/Oath under 37 CFR 1.175(6)(1) attached hereto.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 4 and 5 stand rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. §251. Accordingly, in response to this rejection, a Supplemental Declaration/Oath in accordance with 37 CFR 1.175(6)(1) is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully submits that no further elaboration is necessary and the Supplemental Declaration/Oath is entered and accepted.

In view of the Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application submitted herewith and the above remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection to claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §251 is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections set forth in the Office Action be withdrawn. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 202-861-1714 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 87344.1524.

Respectfully submitted,

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